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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, 7, 15, and 17 as set forth below.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A motor brake assembly for a slide out mechanism comprising:

a motor;

a brake attachment assembly comprised of a bracket and a brake housing;

said bracket configured to mount to said motor;

said brake housing configured for movable engagement with said bracket, said brake housing having an engagement member sized and shaped to lock with said bracket and thereby substantially prevent relative rotational movement between said bracket and said brake housing when said bracket and said brake housing are engaged;

a motor brake engageable with said motor;

said motor brake mounted within said brake housing;

a biasing member connecting said brake housing to said bracket and allowing said selective engagement of said brake housing with said bracket such that said brake housing is movable between a first position where said brake and said motor are engaged and a second position where said brake and said motor are disengaged .

2. (Original) The motor brake assembly of claim 1, wherein said bracket includes a flange having a hole positioned to receive said engagement member.

3. (Previously Presented) The motor brake assembly of claim 1, wherein said motor brake is positioned at an inner rear location of said brake housing.

4. (Original) The motor brake assembly of claim 1, wherein said motor brake includes a recess sized and shaped to receive a protruding drive shaft member of said motor.

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5. (Previously Presented) The motor brake assembly of claim 1, wherein said biasing member is a spring.
6. (Previously Presented) The motor brake assembly of claim 1, wherein said bracket is cylindrical in shape and sized to fit over a portion of said motor.
7. (Currently Amended) A releasable brake system for a slide-out comprising:
 - a motor having an internal drive shaft;
 - an external coupling member located at an end of said internal drive shaft;
 - a self-contained brake assembly;
 - said self-contained brake assembly including a receptacle for receiving said external coupling member of said motor;
 - a bracket;
 - said self-contained brake assembly fixed in said bracket;
 - said bracket being elastically mounted on said motor such that said bracket is selectively movable between a first position on said motor wherein said external coupling member of said motor is located within said receptacle of said self-contained brake assembly and a second position on said motor wherein said external coupling member of said motor is spaced away from said receptacle of said self-contained brake assembly .
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously Presented) The releasable brake system of claim 7 , wherein said bracket includes a first housing member and a second housing member, said self-contained brake assembly being positioned in said second housing member.
10. (Original) The releasable brake system of claim 9, wherein said first and second housing members are elastically connected to each other with at least one spring.
11. (Previously Presented) The releasable brake system of claim 9, further comprising an alignment member disposed on said second housing member and an

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alignment member receptacle disposed on said first housing member, the engagement of said alignment member and said alignment member receptacle substantially preventing relative rotation between said first and second housing members.

12. (Original) The releasable brake system of claim 11, wherein said alignment member is an elongated pin.

13. (Original) The releasable brake system of claim 11, wherein said alignment member receptacle is a pin hole.

14. (Previously Presented) A method of manually releasing a motor brake for a slide-out comprising:

providing a motor having a self-contained brake mounted thereon;

selectively moving said self-contained brake between a first biased position where said self-contained brake is located adjacent to and engaged with said motor and a second biased position where said self-contained brake is spaced away and disengaged from said motor; and,

retaining said self-contained brake on said motor when said self-contained brake is in said first position and said second position.

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, further comprising a the performance of a manual operation on said slide out when said self-contained brake is in said second position.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein the retaining of said self-contained brake includes retaining said self-contained brake on said motor when said self-contained brake is being moved between said first and second position.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, wherein the providing of a motor having a the self-contained brake mounted thereon includes providing a self-contained brake that is urged into engagement with said motor with a spring.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, further comprising preventing relative rotation between said motor and said self-contained brake when said self-contained brake is in said first position.